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Title: BIOARTIFICIAL IMPLANT AND ITS USE AND METHOD OF REDUCING THE RISK FOR FORMATION OF CONNECTIVE TISSUE AFTER IMPLANTATION

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**LETTER REQUESTING INITIALED PTO-1449 FORM**

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May 12, 2011

Sir:

Applicants filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and a PTO-1449 form on January 10, 2011 including copies of the following Japanese documents: JP 2003-530926, JP 2004-528109, JP 62-500980, JP 6-507412, and JP 7-507550.

JP 2003-530926 corresponds to WO 0178906. JP 62-500980 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,752,294. JP 6-507412 corresponds to WO 9219195. JP 2004-528109 corresponds to WO 02087648. JP 7-507550 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,693,514.

The Examiner stated in the May 4, 2011 Office Communication that copies of these references were not received. Applicants attach an additional copy to this communication for the Examiner's convenience.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the PTO-1449 form indicating the aforementioned Japanese references and each of the documents submitted in the

originally filed Information Disclosure Statement, and is requested to return an initialed PTO-1449 form indicating this consideration, to the Applicants.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: PTO-Form 1449 and five (5) Japanese references

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